SI. No.	Name of District	No. of Villages Provided Telephone! 31.5.98	No. of Villages yet to be provided with a > as with Telephone in Tamil Nadu (District-wise)
20.	Tirunelveli	590	0
21.	Tiruvallur	608	27
22.	Tiruvannamalai	1,106	19
23.	Tiravarur	707	7
24.	Tiruchirapalli	540	6
25.	Tuticorin	507	0
26.	Vellore	895	13
27.	Villupuram	1,518	45
28.	Virudhunagar	648	5
	Union Territory of Pondicherry	264	3
	Total	17,639	294

Cities on Internet

3715. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities in the country which arc on internet till date;

(b) whether more cities of various States have, approached the Ministry to be placed on the internet;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these *arc* likely to be decided upon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Internet nodes have been established in 35 cities as per following details:—

Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Jaipuir, Dehradun, Trivandrum, Gwalior, Guawahati, Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Patna, Lucknow, Kanpur, Goa, Ernakulam, Aurangabad, Indore, Nagpur, Hubli, Agra, Allahabad, Coimbatore, Madurai, Kollam Tiruchirapalli, Pondicherry, Mysore, Kottayam, Nasik, Surat *&* Shimla.

In addition, internet notes are being established in the following 14 cities.

Srinagar, Jammu, Bhubaneshwivr, Bhopal, Mangalorc, Siliguri, Silchar, Dhanbad, Palghat, Calicut, Kanchccpuram, Durgapur, Jamsedhpur & Jalandhar.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Requests are received, among others, for provision of Internet nodes in the followMig Cities:

Trissur, Tutucorin, Salem, Raipur, Varanasi, Sangli, Tirunelveli, Nagcrcoil.

(d) Telecom Commission has approved establishment of Internet nodes in Thrissur, Tutucorin, Varanasi, Tirunelveli and Salem. Approval of nodes at other places is also being considered.